

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A lithium secondary battery comprising:
an electrode body having a positive electrode, a negative electrode, and a separator,
the positive electrode and the negative electrode being wound or laminated by means of the
separator, and
a nonaqueous electrolyte solution containing a lithium compound as an electrolyte;
characterized in that at least one of the positive electrode, the negative electrode, the
separator, and the nonaqueous electrolyte solution contains a ring compound comprising an
organic base containing at least one nitride in a ring and a strong acid which are unitarily
combined in a molecule.

Claims 2-8: (canceled)

9. (previously presented): A lithium secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein
said strong acid of said ring compound is hydrogen chloride or sulfuric acid.

Claims 10-16: (canceled)

17. (original): A lithium secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein said lithium
compound is lithium phosphate hexafluoride.

18. (original): A lithium secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein lithium manganate having a cubic spinel structure having lithium and manganese as main components is used as a positive active material.

19. (original): A lithium secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein a carbonaceous material is used as a negative active material.

Claims 20-24: (canceled)

25. (previously presented): A lithium secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein a capacity of the battery is 2Ah or more.

Claims 26-28: (canceled)